

About the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center:



Located at the gateway to the prairie pothole region, the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center is the first residential environmental education facility operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

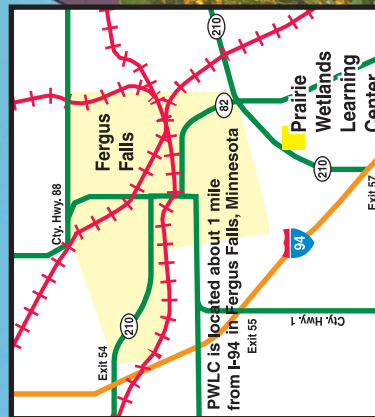
Over 325 acres of native and restored prairie and 28 wetlands can be found at the Center, and, with nearly four miles of foot trails, there are ample opportunities for environmental education, wildlife observation and relaxation.

The Prairie Wetlands Learning Center offers a variety of environmental education programs to learners of all ages, as well as interpretive programs and walks throughout the year. In addition, the Center hosts teacher workshops and training sessions for wildlife professionals throughout the year. The facilities include an 80 bed dorm, kitchen and dining hall.

Special events provide opportunities to celebrate the cultural and natural history of the prairie, discover the secrets of successful waterfowling or investigate the wonders of wetlands.



Friends of the PWLC
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*We didn't inherit the Earth from
our parents. We are borrowing it
from our children.*

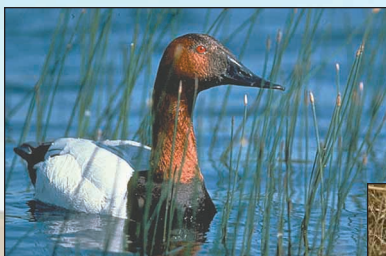
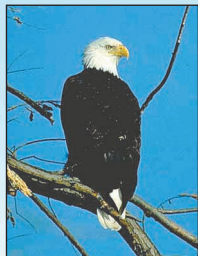
Our Mission

"To enhance and promote understanding and conservation of the prairie pothole region, primarily through support of the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center."



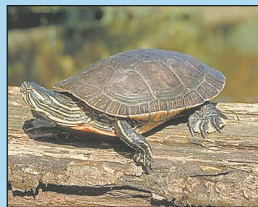
What We Do:

- Promote conservation and the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center (PWLC)
- Creatively generate funds for the PWLC
- Foster volunteer involvement at the PWLC
- Solicit community, regional, statewide, and Federal support



History of the Friends

In the 1970s local conservationists first envisioned a learning center for the unique prairie pothole region. "The Friends of the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center" was established in 1989 to lead the tireless work of transforming that vision into a reality.



The Friends along with Minnesota Legislative Representation secured \$3 million for building construction.

Land was purchased by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1997 using Duck Stamp funding. In August of 1998, the Friends celebrated the opening of the new PWLC buildings.



Be a part of this successful organization as we continue to promote and enhance the PWLC.

Benefits of Membership:

- The quarterly newsletter, *The Prairie Wanderer*
- 10% discount at the Bluestem Store
- Special "members only" programs
- Opportunities with "Friends" projects
- Enjoyable social interactions with others



"Friends of the PWLC" Membership Form



- ☐ Student - \$5
- ☐ Bluestem Buddy - \$25
- ☐ Prairie Pal - \$50
- ☐ Savanna Saver - \$100
- ☐ Other - \$ _____

All donations are tax deductible.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____ Home Phone _____

E-mail _____

Mail to:
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Please Check Your Areas of Interest:

- ☐ Helping with the Bluestem Store
- ☐ Writing articles, brochures, etc.
- ☐ Conducting programs
- ☐ Grants or funding projects
- ☐ Trail work
- ☐ Volunteering at special events
- ☐ Wildlife or plant life surveying
- ☐ Other areas: _____